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## REPLY TO ACTION DATED APRIL 21, 2003

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated April 21, 2003, Applicants elect Group II, inclusive of claims 6-7 and 10-11. Applicants do not concede that the Examiner has correctly characterized the invention(s). Please amend the application as indicated on the following pages, a total of 12 additional pages.

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